

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT SARKIS

1. PLEASE DELIVER ASAP ON FEBRUARY 17 THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT SARKIS:

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTENING MESSAGE OF  
GOOD WISHES AS I ASSUME MY NEW RESPONSIBILITIES AS  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

YOU HAVE MY ASSURANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE  
IN ITS SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND UNITY OF LEBANON  
AND IN ITS COMMITMENT TO WORLD PEACE AND THE STRENGTHENING  
OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

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I WANT TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE  
PEOPLE OF YOUR COUNTRY AND OURS.

SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.

2. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM SARKIS, DATED 21 JANUARY,

AS TRANSLATED FROM FRENCH IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: NO. 184/2 TODAY AS YOU ASSUME THE OFFICE OF  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I AM HAPPY TO  
EXTEND MY HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS AS WELL AS SINCERE GOOD  
WISHES ON BEHALF OF THE LEBANESE PEOPLE AND MYSELF FOR  
THE HAPPINESS OF OUR FRIENDS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND  
FOR YOUR SUCCESS IN FULFILLING YOUR NOBLE MISSION IN THE  
SERVICE OF YOUR COUNTRY AND WORLD PEACE. ELIAS SARKIS,  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LEBANON. END QUOTE.

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE, BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF GOL WISHES TO DO SO.  
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## Message Attributes

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